MR. M. NILAKANDA PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state what their reasons were for recording the memorial and the resolutions?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR: Government do not see their way to explain the reasons for recording them.

STUDENTS' STRIKE.

24. MR. T. K. VELU PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state with reference to the students' strike during the beginning of this Malabar year—

(*a*) whether they are aware that there had been considerable indiscipline among the students of the Vanchiyur School and other institutions in the Capital long before the strike;

(*b*) whether they received any report on the matter from the Director of Public Instruction or from the Inspector of Secondary Schools;

(*c*) whether any of the officers mentioned above took any steps to enquire into the causes of the strike;

(*d*) whether Government held any enquiry into the causes of such a lamentable break-down in the educational *morale* of the State;

(*e*) whether the Director of Public Instruction and the Inspector of Secondary Schools visited any of the disturbed institutions and conducted local enquiries; and, if so, with what results; and

(*f*) whether any action has yet been taken by Government to remove the feeling in the public mind regarding the alleged high-handed and illegal action of the Police and the Military within the premises of His Highness the Maha Raja's College for boys on the 5th Kanni, 1097.

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR: (*a*) It has been reported to Government that there were instances of indiscipline prior to the strike, in the Sri Mula Vilasam School, His Highness the Maha Rajah's College and in the Sanskrit College.

(*b*) The incident in the Sri Mula Vilasam School was reported by the Head Master to the Director direct, the Inspector being absent on circuit. It is understood that the incident in the College which occurred in 1919 was reported by the Acting Principal to the Acting Director, and to the Government orally. Government received a report from the Director *in re* the incident in the Sanskrit College.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) The matter has been investigated.

(*e*) Yes. Both the Director and the Acting Inspector proceeded to the school and made enquiries, and the Director submitted a report to Government.

(*f*) The member is referred to the Government Press Communiqué dated the 24th September, 1921, and to paragraph 22 of the Dewan's address to the members of the eighteenth session of the Sri Mulam Popular Assembly. The conduct of individual officers is under the consideration of the Government.

APPOINTMENT OF A COMMITTEE TO ENQUIRE INTO THE OCCURRENCES OF THE 5TH KANNI. 1097, WITHIN THE COLLEGE PREMISES.

25. MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI: (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have arrived at any decision, or whether

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they mean to take any action or make any decision, in regard to the memorial submitted by the majority of the members of the last session of the Sri Mulam Popular Assembly, praying for the appointment of a Committee to enquire into the occurrences of the 5th Kanni, 1097, within the College premises?

(*b*) Will the Government be pleased to state whether their opinion regarding the occurrences of the 5th Kanni, expressed by the Dewan in his opening address to the eighteenth session of the Sri Mulam Popular Assembly, that "*a certain section* of the vernacular press has been keeping the agitation going, and insistent demands have been made from certain quarters for the appointment of a Committee of enquiry", has undergone any change after the majority of the members of the Popular Assembly coming from the various parts of the country had submitted their memorial?

(*c*) Are the Government aware that the attitude of the Police towards the people has undergone a great change, since the occurrences of the 5th Kanni?

(*d*) If the Government are aware of the fact, do they not think that an enquiry by a Committee would change this attitude of the Police and restore matters to their old condition?

(*e*) Has it come to the notice of Government that certain respectable persons are being harassed in many ways by the Police under the impression that they helped the students in the days of the students' strike? If it has, will the matter receive the kind attention of Government?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR: (*a*) The member is referred to the answer to interpellation No. 23 (*a*).

(*b*) The answer is in the negative.

(*c*) The answer is in the negative.

(*d*) This does not arise, in view of the answer to part (*c*).

(*e*) The answer is in the negative.

WATER-SUPPLY SCHEME FOR TRIVANDRUM.

26. MR. M. NILAKANDA PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have taken any action on the water-supply scheme for the town of Trivandrum submitted by the special officer appointed for the purpose and will the Government be pleased to state whether they intend taking early steps for the introduction of water-supply in Trivandrum considering the urgency and importance of the matter?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI: Government are not yet in possession of the plans explanatory of the report. The consideration of the report has to await their receipt.

MR. M. NILAKANDA PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state what the estimated cost of the scheme is and what the reasons are for not taking it up now? Considering the importance of the matter, can they not raise a loan to meet the initial outlay?

PRESIDENT: You may put a question for getting information. But you are arguing now.

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